

House Resolution 2259

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Bell of the 58th, Williams of the 89th, Frazier of the 123rd, Sinkfield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Apostle Sylvia J. Toney on the occasion of her 21st pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sylvia J. Toney is a woman of deep and abiding faith, she received the Holy
4 Ghost in her home in 1980, and her amazing spiritual walk was begun; and

5 WHEREAS, Sylvia J. Toney studied theology and her studies and teaching have taken her
6 around the world where she has shared the Good News with people of many countries
7 including Israel, Korea, India, Japan, and Haiti; and

8 WHEREAS, she was ordained an Evangelist and was appointed to Assistant Pastor and later
9 to the high office of Senior Pastor of the New Life Headquarters church in Indianapolis,
10 Indiana; and

11 WHEREAS, her commitment to helping others is further demonstrated by her active
12 membership in such organizations as the Global Women of America, the Evangelical Gospel
13 Women's Council, New Life organization for the NAACP, the mayor's Front Porch Pastor's
14 Alliance, and the New Emmaus Bible College in Columbus, Ohio; and

15 WHEREAS, evidence of her enthusiasm for the Lord and her passionate selfless work to win
16 souls for Christ is shown by her receipt of many recognitions and honors too numerous to
17 list; and

18 WHEREAS, Sylvia Toney was united in love and marriage to the late Bishop Willie J. Toney
19 and is blessed with two remarkable children and seven beautiful grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, she gives inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrates to her
22 family and friends are admired by all who know her; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she lives her life, she
25 makes this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, she has served as a strong and encouraging leader to the church's congregation
27 through her concern for others and her motivational preaching and teaching; and

28 WHEREAS, on Sunday April 11, 2010, this wonderful dynamic church leader celebrated her
29 21st pastoral anniversary at New Life Community Church of Truth.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize the service of this dedicated spiritual leader, commend Apostle Sylvia J. Toney for
32 her many achievements and contributions, and congratulate her on her 21st pastoral
33 anniversary.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Apostle Sylvia J. Toney.